

REMARKS

The specification at page 1 has been amended to correct awkward language. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,229,461 to Saitoh et al. in view of U.S. Patent 4,295,976 to Dessaint et al.

Applicants are presently preparing a response to the outstanding rejection, and expect to file the response soon. A request for Suspension of Action (for three (3) months), RCE and Petition for Extension of Time (for three (3) months) are concurrently filed herewith.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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